

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**SUBJECT:** Certificate of Appreciation Awarded to Sumter County Fire Rescue

**REQUESTED ACTION:** INFORMATION

☒ Work Session (Report Only)

**DATE OF MEETING:** 10/19/2010

☐ Regular Meeting

☐ Special Meeting

**CONTRACT:** ☒ N/A

Vendor/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Managing Division / Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGET IMPACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Annual

**FUNDING SOURCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Capital

**EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

☒ N/A

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**HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:**

Each year the Division of the State Fire Marshal publishes an Annual Report based upon information gleaned through the Florida Fire Incident Reporting System (FFIRS). This Annual Report provides a thorough analysis of fire incident data as reported throughout the state of Florida. This publication reports on the calendar year, this most recent report captures calendar year 2009.

While it is the goal of the State Fire Marshal's Office for all fire departments to report and maintain compliance, such is not the case. Some rather large and established departments still are not in compliance. Sumter County Fire Rescue began reporting upon establishment in 2002 and has received a Certificate of Appreciation for 100% participation and compliance with the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and FFIRS Program to date.

The goal of the FFIRS Section of the State Fire Marshal's Office by having all Florida fire departments participate in the FFIRS program is to "make Florida a safer State by fighting fires with facts". The Florida Fires Annual Report provides valuable information on many vital issues facing the fire service including education, fire investigations, hazardous materials, public outreach, accreditation and statistical data to track trends in the fire service throughout the State of Florida. Attached is a copy of the page where Sumter County's fire statistics for calendar 2009 are reported, along with the Certificate of Appreciation for 100% compliance. The full annual State report is maintained in the Fire Services Administration area at the Villages Sumter County Service Center and is available for review upon request.

The attached page showing Sumter County fire and emergency statistics is inclusive for the entire County, including The Villages. The call volume is about equally distributed between the two reporting departments in the County.

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State Fire Marshal  
Florida Fire Incident Reporting System Section



Certificate of Appreciation  
"2009"



This Certificate of Appreciation is Gratefully Presented to:

**Sumter County Fire Rescue**

In recognition of your **100%** participation in  
the NFIRS and FFIRS Program.

Awarded on June 30, 2010

*Julius E. Halas*

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Director  
Division of State Fire Marshal

*Keith McCarthy*

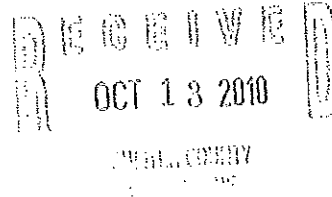
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Florida Fire Incident Reporting System



ALEX SINK  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
STATE OF FLORIDA

September 27, 2010

Chief William Gulbrandsen  
Sumter County Fire Rescue  
910 N Main Street, Suite 319  
Bushnell, FL 33513



Dear Chief William Gulbrandsen:

The Division of State Fire Marshal manages the Florida Fire Incident Reporting System (FFIRS) in conjunction with the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). Enclosed is the FFIRS 2009 annual report "Florida Fires." This publication provides your department with a thorough analysis of data reported by fire departments throughout the state. Also, in your packet you will find a Certificate of Appreciation. These certificates were awarded to fire departments that submitted all of their 2009 data by the April 30, 2010 deadline.

The goal of the FFIRS Section is to have all Florida fire departments participate in the FFIRS program. In order to achieve this goal, please continue to forward your department's 2010 data. If your department has not forwarded any 2010 data, please take the time to do so. Fire departments should submit their data to FFIRS monthly. If no runs were made during the month, a report of "no activity" should be submitted to the state for the reporting period. Also, I encourage you to give attention to pages xxxiii-xxxiv, which provides information on the "Assistance to Firefighters" Grant Awards for 2009.

If assistance is needed, please contact FFIRS at (850) 413-3698 or [ffirs@myfloridacfo.com](mailto:ffirs@myfloridacfo.com). Thank you and we look forward to your continued participation in the Florida Fire Incident Reporting System program. It contributes to the cooperative effort among fire organizations to make Florida a safer state by fighting fires with facts.

Sincerely,

Keith McCarthy  
Statistician Supervisor II

Enclosure

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# FLORIDA COUNTIES FIRES

# & NON-FIRE TOTALS (CONT'D)

County	Structure Fires	Vehicle Fires	Other Fires	Fire Losses	Fire Deaths	Fire Losses	Other Losses	Fire Losses	Fire Deaths	Fire Losses	Other Losses	Fire Losses	Fire Deaths	Fire Losses
Alachua	39	21	73	0	133	377	325	69	904	177	1,081	\$1,438,175.00	0	0
Baker	253	157	515	7	932	14,674	3,436	2,445	21,487	581	22,068	\$8,194,122.00	14	4
Brevard	338	197	769	4	1,308	55,899	9,192	1,852	68,251	1,050	69,301	\$4,153,417.00	11	3
Calhoun	94	71	257	1	423	14,724	2,887	974	19,008	614	19,622	\$2,811,865.00	5	0
Charlotte	2,466	1,322	2,926	97	6,811	228,680	24,020	14,194	273,705	116	273,821	\$39,952,091.00	76	4
Clay	98	52	194	0	344	5,663	1,371	844	8,222	354	8,576	\$6,751,980.00	6	0
Columbia	67	72	247	2	388	7,099	1,214	443	9,144	1,090	10,234	\$3,128,116.00	3	0
DeSoto	205	79	212	10	506	12,274	3,645	1,238	17,663	2,727	20,390	\$7,325,017.00	15	9
Duval	32	25	145	0	202	6,079	584	105	6,970	130	7,100	\$1,116,182.00	1	0
Escambia	1,408	791	1,529	15	3,743	102,673	26,246	12,351	145,013	4,730	149,743	\$27,076,565.00	54	131
Flagler	310	165	496	9	980	24,672	4,379	2,087	32,118	1,096	33,214	\$19,298,247.00	11	5
Franklin	1,758	779	1,590	24	4,151	150,513	21,382	15,113	191,159	2,167	193,326	\$24,927,360.00	87	124
Gadsden	365	279	685	66	1,395	29,521	10,063	2,661	43,640	567	44,207	\$11,342,472.00	55	16
Hamilton	1,166	409	1,286	53	2,914	122,963	26,436	7,963	160,276	6,834	167,110	\$24,246,197.00	178	170
Hendry	747	408	1,352	30	2,537	40,700	14,632	2,383	60,252	1,813	62,065	\$17,846,063.00	23	11
Hernando	170	106	309	3	588	13,924	2,117	330	16,959	561	17,520	\$2,785,652.00	7	3
Highway	149	74	373	5	601	8,070	2,117	554	11,342	1,465	12,807	\$10,211,286.00	17	4
Indian River	218	161	747	2	1,128	45,660	2,918	1,140	50,846	514	51,360	\$5,767,431.00	2	3
Jefferson	323	157	530	18	1,028	30,303	8,110	2,897	42,338	10,877	53,215	\$15,045,912.00	38	133
Lake	172	96	432	10	710	16,560	3,298	1,576	22,144	121	22,265	\$2,380,722.00	14	16
Lee	123	131	506	0	760	31,838	1,769	1,821	36,188	9	36,197	\$2,871,730.00	0	0
Leon	74	53	177	0	304	10,410	2,781	409	13,904	655	14,559	\$2,032,352.00	1	11
Liberty	43	44	150	0	237	225	574	102	1,138	47	1,185	\$1,623,242.00	1	0
Madison	43	22	70	0	135	218	461	54	868	25	893	\$767,265.00	0	0
Maitland	17	6	40	0	63	111	93	18	285	47	332	\$219,300.00	0	0
Manatee	572	347	1,197	39	2,155	52,141	16,634	3,210	74,140	6,826	80,966	\$17,530,491.00	66	27
Maricopa	29	8	44	0	81	389	172	56	698	108	806	\$297,000.00	0	0
Marion	92	33	233	0	358	8,259	1,309	657	10,583	666	11,249	\$3,660,545.00	2	5
Meigs	23	15	29	0	67	48	130	23	268	26	294	\$892,550.00	0	0
Monroe	18,129	10,111	29,953	709	58,902	1,605,378	355,027	130,767	2,150,074					
Murphy	4,408	739	3,574	0	8,721	29,030	27,452	4,871	70,102					
Nassau	22,537	10,850	33,527	709	67,623	1,634,408	382,479	135,638	2,150,074		2,220,176	\$429,598,986	1,038	945

## \* No Data Received

The above statistics are based on the data submitted by 549 fire departments\* that reported to the Florida Fire Incident Reporting System (FFIRS) in 2009. There are approximately 617 paid, volunteer and combination fire departments in the State of Florida. A list of the reporting fire departments for this year is located on Appendix pages xxxv - xxxviii.

\* Departments must be compliant under the Firefighter's Occupational Safety and Health Act, Rule Chapter 69A-62 and Florida Statutes 633.801 - 633.821, as well as, other Florida statutes and rules to be recognized as a fire department.